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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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See application

Sir:

In regard to the restriction requirement in the Office Action of February 21, 2006, Applicant submits the following response.

Deposit Account Authorization

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

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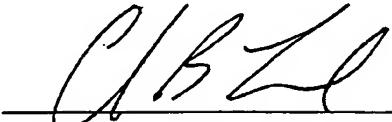
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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office action of February 21, 2006. Claims 82-96 are pending. Claim 82 has been amended. The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect to prosecute one of eight groups of claims identified in the Office Action. In response to the species election, Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, without traverse.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to examine the claims of Group I. Applicants expressly reserve the right to present the non-elected claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequent to the present application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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